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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### BESSEMER FISHING DERBY ANOTHER SUCCESS

**Ironwood, MI.** - On June 9<sup>th</sup>, sixteen local youngsters ventured out to Henry Lake Campground on the Ottawa National Forest with friends and family for a fun day of fishing. Everyone enjoyed a sunny day with good catches of bluegills and bass. The big winners of the day landed some nice fish and were awarded for their great accomplishments.

Kelsey Kitto, age 8, reeled in the largest bass of the day, and Abbey Johnson, age 6, retained her title with the largest bluegill of the day! A new prize category was added this year when Tony Branning, age 12, hauled in the largest bullhead. After a few hours of fishing everyone participated in a casting contest with Mandie Kytola, age 10, taking the rod and reel combo prize. Everyone who participated in the derby went home with a prize which translated into a lot of smiles.

Thanks go out to all the parents, grandparents and friends that took the time to bring the kids out to Henry Lake. The Ottawa National Forest Fisheries staff enjoyed hosting the derby and hopes to see you all again next year.

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(left to right) Kelsey Kitto, Tony Branning, and Abbey Johnson